

Republican Jewish Coalition, the Jewish Welfare Federation, the Jewish Agency, Council of Jewish Federations, United Israel Appeal, the American Jewish Committee, and the National Jewish Coalition.

Max was a self-made man who spent much of his life raising money for philanthropic and political endeavors and remained an active supporter of charitable and civic organizations. He was a major benefactor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, gave generously to Ohio State's College of Business, and helped found Detroit Renaissance, a nonprofit business roundtable aimed at improving conditions in the city and region.

Max also held 13 honorary degrees from educational institutions.

Max Fisher is survived by his wife, Marjorie Fisher; daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and D. Larry Sherman, Mary Fisher, Julie and Peter Cummings, Marjorie Fisher; son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Lauren Fisher; 2 sisters; 19 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Max was a humble man of strong principle, who consistently focused on doing what was right, without seeking fame or prestige. His optimism and positive mental attitude continually motivated those around him to overcome the challenges before them.

Therefore, I express my deepest condolences to his family, friends and admirers. And I also join in honoring Max Fisher for his diplomatic contributions, exceptional philanthropic achievements, boundless generosity, unwavering principle and integrity, and achieving great financial success while maintaining admirable humility.

HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF THE 106TH AIR RESCUE WING

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the heroic actions of the members of the 106th Air Rescue Wing. Over the past few days, the Northeast experienced torrential downpours causing massive flooding throughout Sussex County, New Jersey. The rain became so terrible that it washed out the only road connecting tiny Mashapacong Island to the mainland, stranding five residents. In response, Langley Air Force Base scrambled two Pave Hawk helicopters from the Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing, which is based at Gabreski Air Force Base in Westhampton, New York. Fortunately, the 106th was able to respond in time; not only did they rescue the five residents, they also rescued one nearby individual on his roof, along with a dog and a cat.

This is the most recent heroic rescue in the storied history of the 106th, and I am proud to commend the men and women of this unit for their selfless dedication to duty and the protection of those in need. The exploits of the members of the 106th were made famous following their actions depicted in the book "The Perfect Storm". More recently, during our ongoing conflict in Iraq, the pararescue specialists of the 106th played an integral role in rescuing two downed soldiers flying on the CH-47 Chinook helicopter that was shot down west of Baghdad in November of 2003.

As the only rescue unit of its kind in the Northeast, the 106th has once again proven its unique value to the safety and security of our region and our nation. Mr. Speaker, the 106th has proven its worth time and time again. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the brave men and women of the 106th Air Rescue Wing. I hope we can show that gratitude by letting them continue to serve and protect our nation.

HONORING BRAD PARKHURST

HON. JEB BRADLEY

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Brad Parkhurst upon his retirement from Public Service of New Hampshire after 32 years of service.

Brad Parkhurst has had a long, distinguished career in public service. Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) is the Granite State's largest electric utility company and has over 1,200 employees. Brad stands out among them as a recipient of the PSNH Volunteer of the Year Award in 2001 and the PSNH Humanitarian Award in 2004. He received these and numerous other awards for his many contributions to PSNH.

Brad Parkhurst's commitment to the betterment of his community extends far beyond his work at PSNH. He has held many appointed and volunteer positions throughout his hometown of Merrimack, NH. Brad presently serves on the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and served as President of the Chamber from 2001 to 2003.

For the past 25 years, Brad has been an active member of the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of New Hampshire. Brad was the first-ever inductee into the Association's "Hall of Fame" in 2003 in recognition of his lifetime achievement in providing significant and lasting contributions to the New Hampshire housing industry.

Brad Parkhurst's service has transcended the borders of New Hampshire and the United States. Brad serves as Chair of the Riverside Christian Church Missionary Efforts program. Brad has led several teams to West Africa in efforts to provide medical, educational and nutritional aid to impoverished people. On his missions, Brad and his teams have also rehabilitated a children's orphanage, constructed a new home, and renovated a local church, school and library.

Brad has left a truly lasting impression on those he has touched with his work. I am honored to represent concerned and conscientious citizens like Brad in the U.S. House of Representatives. I wish Brad the best of luck in his well-deserved retirement.

VERMONT STUDENTS' WORK TO END SWEATSHOP LABOR

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to celebrate the remarkable work done by the young

Vermonters who participate in the Child Labor Education and Action group at Brattleboro Union High School. CLEA is a student-run group dedicated to community education around issues of sweatshop labor in the developing world. It examines the dark and inhumane side of globalization, doing extensive research and traveling to amass the real story on what globalization means for low-income workers who toil in third-world sweatshops. The students then take what they learn and share it with their community in a variety of ways. They have also organized student groups throughout Vermont to address the problems with global sweatshops.

Four years ago, over 20 CLEA members traveled to Guatemala to build a school. Last year, 13 CLEA members went to Nicaragua to learn about the effect of international trade policies on labor conditions in that country. Let me cite a brief report from one of those travelers, Sarah Maceda-Maciel:

When our plane touched down in Managua, our bags might have been stuffed with light cotton shirts and water bottles, but our heads were filled with numbers like 90,000—the number of Nicaraguan children who are not in school. Or 70 percent, the amount of Nicaraguans who live on less than two dollars a day. Or 6 billion dollars, the sum that Nicaragua has accumulated in foreign debt.

We found the harsh realities of life in the third world. There is something profoundly different between knowing that children are hungry and learning that eight year old children sniff glue to dull the knife of starvation. There is something profoundly different between knowing that maternity leave is not offered in sweatshops and learning that pregnant women are forced to work so hard that they end up having miscarriages in factory bathrooms.

The students returned from their trip determined to make a difference in how Americans view the harsh realities occasioned by free trade. In the words of Katherine Nopper, another CLEA member, "Within our school we hope to engage and inform our classmates on the issues of child labor, free trade, fair trade, and what it means to be part of a sweat-free campaign. And we will continue to present our message to other area schools."

This past year CLEA students have helped with the publication of a remarkable book, *Challenging Child Labor: Education and Youth Action to Stop the Exploitation of Children*. Several of the contributors are present and former CLEA members; other contributors include Senator TOM HARKIN, Charles Kernaghan of the National Labor Committee, Kailash Satyarthi of the Global March Against Child Labor, and Upala Devi Banerjee of the U.N. Development Fund for Women.

I admire the work CLEA does, and am continually impressed, year in and year out, by the dedication of these young people to making the world a better place. They see the whole world as their province; they also realize that speaking to their peers in school, speaking to the larger community in southern Vermont, is part of the struggle to create a world in which justice has a higher value than profit. These students represent what is best about American youth, just as their advisor, Tim Kipp, represents what is best about American teachers.

Combining learning with service, the international with the local, passion for justice with the willingness to work hard to achieve justice, the members of CLEA serve as a model, a